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1. Work is continuing to repair five storage tanks which were destroyed during the war. Each tank is supposed to have a capacity of 5,500 tons.
2. About 20 storage tanks in the former Kalisalz mines near Stassfurt are currently being reconstructed. Each of these tanks allegedly has a capacity of 5,000 tons. The tanks are allegedly being rebuilt for the use of the east German national army. The tanks formerly in the mines were dismantled by the Russians in 1945/46. They had belonged to the former Wirtschaftliche Forschungsgesellschaft, Berlin, Bohrenstrasse. Work is to begin deliveries to these tanks in about March 1953.
3. Reconstruction work is under way in a former tank pool at Zarrentin, Mecklenburg. This was the largest tank pool in Europe until it was about two-thirds dismantled by the Russians in 1946. It covered an area of about 27 square kilometers and contained underground tanks for gasoline and diesel oil and above-ground tanks for motor oil. It has not been used since the partial dismantling by the Russians but the pipe lines and pump houses are still there and are being put back into operation.

Comment: The official Berlin telephone books for 1950 and 1951 list the Wirtschaftliche Forschungsgesellschaft mbH. at Markgrafenstrasse 4, Berlin-Zehlendorf. The telephone book for 1952 shows that the company is in the process of liquidation (i. e.,) and gives its location as Normannstrasse 8, Berlin W 30.

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